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# Religious Education

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If you have any questions, please contact Amy Kostak at [akostak@agnesandrose.org](mailto:akostak@agnesandrose.org).

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### THINKING ABOUT HOMESCHOOLING IN SEPTEMBER?

Are you concerned about COVID guidelines for school this fall? Do you have questions about alternative school options including homeschooling? Is your family currently homeschooling, or would you like to learn more about what homeschooling is like and how to do it?

Please check out **CHIME!** Catholic Homeschoolers In Massachusetts East, or CHIME, was started by a group of families 25 years ago to provide support and encouragement spiritually, academically, and socially. Over these years CHIME has offered many types of activities, including Masses together, support group meetings, an academic co-op, field trips, and much more. CHIME provides a wealth of experience from long-term homeschoolers, as well as opportunities for faithful Catholic families to build solid friendships for both children and parents alike.

For new homeschoolers, a **"Getting Started" online meeting will be held August 4**, where you can find out more about homeschooling and ask questions. Go to [chimehomeschool.com](http://chimehomeschool.com) for more information, and use the contact form for inquiries and to **register for the Aug. 4th meeting**. Share your family's homeschooling journey, at any stage, with CHIME!

### St. Vincent de Paul Society – We are there for our neighbors in need.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society members are committed to helping our neighbors when times are tough. If you know of someone who is struggling in these tough times and needs financial assistance with food, utilities or living expenses, please contact the parish office at St Agnes 978-774-1958 or St. Rose 978-887-5505.

*We are so grateful for our parishioners who generously support our mission!*

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK:

Please join us in praying for the sick members of our parish community: **Angelea, Megan Bytof, Catherine, Charles, Michael Coughlin, Dave, David, David, David, Thaddeus Dubiel, Edward, Elizabeth, Frances, Margaret Jacques, Jonathan, Joseph, Kevin, Maryann, Marie, Matthew, Mary Keohan, Laura Lindsay, Walter Rehak, Dr. Larry Rusin, Séan, Leslie Storey, Tara, Thomas, Ann Turner, Tyler & Sylvia Vacca.**

## Thank you Seminarian Maxwell Chukwudiebere

Our parishes have been blessed with the presence of our seminarian Maxwell Chukwudiebere this summer. It has been a joy for him to be here and he has done an extraordinary job serving in a number of ways, even in the midst of a pandemic! Sunday July 26 was his last day with us this summer. We expect his return sometime in September on a part time basis while he continues to live and participate in his formation program at Saint John Seminary in Brighton. We are all looking forward to his ordination to be a transitional deacon in June 2021, and to the Priesthood in May 2022.

## *The Year of the Eucharist*



## The Feast of *Corpus Christi*

The Feast of *Corpus Christi*, this past June, kicked off the Year of the Eucharist for the Catholic Church in Boston. The purpose of the Year of the Eucharist is to recognize and celebrate the truth of our Faith in regard to the Blessed Sacrament, the Body and Blood of Jesus. The Eucharist is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ Our Lord and God. Whenever we enter a Catholic Church or attend Mass, we encounter God in the Eucharist.

This year we as a collaborative of Saint Agnes and Saint Rose Parishes have the opportunity to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist in a variety of ways. One of those ways is something we started back in June at the daily Mass Monday through Saturday. At the conclusion of Mass we have a brief period of Eucharist Adoration, followed by Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. If you have time and would like to spend even a few minutes in this unique and beautiful way of prayer called Eucharistic Adoration, you can come to daily Mass at 9:00am at Saint Rose Church, and pray in Adoration immediately after Mass with others.

So the schedule each morning Monday through Saturday for the rest of the summer is 9:00 am daily Mass, 9:30-9:40 Eucharist Adoration and Benediction.

I hope you can join us.

### FAQ: How can I make a donation?



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, August 2 2020

10:00am @ St. Rose George Consolazio

11:30am @ St. Agnes Bert Suke

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, and the desire to livestream daily Mass, all daily Masses are being temporarily celebrated at St Rose Church.

### Daily Mass - 9:00 am

Monday, August 3	Robert A. Morse
Tuesday, August 4	John & Nicholas Spirito
Wed., August 5	The People of the Parishes
Thurs., August 6	Walter Dunham 25th Anniv.
Friday, August 7	Ralph Sarno
Sat., August 8	The People of the Parishes

### Sunday, August 9 2020

10:00am @ St. Rose The People of the Parishes

11:30am @ St. Agnes Joseph Sousa

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To Gabriela Estabrooks and Craig Mannetta, who have been preparing for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist and will receive the Sacraments on August 15th at Saint Rose of Lima Church. All are welcome to attend, or to watch on live stream!

## LIVE STREAM MASSES

Mass is celebrated and can be watched on live stream Monday - Saturday, at 9:00am and Sunday at 10:00am. To access the live stream [agnesandrose.org](http://agnesandrose.org).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

To send Father Dan Hennessey a personal and confidential prayer request, please see our website to fill out prayer request form or go to [agnesandrose.org](http://agnesandrose.org).

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

Confessions are on Monday evenings from 6:00pm - 7:00pm and Friday's after daily Mass from 10:00am - 10:30am.

Please see schedule below

Monday's 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

August 3: St Agnes

August 10: St Rose

August 17: St Agnes

August 24: St Rose

*This is*  
**OUR CHURCH**

**Even in the midst of a global pandemic, service to others remains core to the work of our Church.**

Our COVID response team of priests is anointing the sick in hospitals.

Our priests continue to serve their communities virtually and in-person as allowed.

Our Central Ministries continue to care for so many in need. Our Risk Management office continues to provide guidance for parishes and schools.

**This is Our Church. Funded by the Catholic Appeal.** If you are able, please prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2020 Catholic Appeal to ensure that this critical work continues. Your support will make a *significant difference* as we continue serving the Catholic faithful and all our brothers and sisters in need. To learn more about ***Your Church at Work*** or to make a donation, visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org)  
Thank you!

**MEET OUR SEMINARIANS**  
**FUTURE PRIEST OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON**  
**MR. KEVIN PLEITEZ WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN MAY, 2021**



**MR. KEVIN PLEITEZ**

**CITY:** BRIDGEPORT

**STATE:** CT

**HIGH SCHOOL:** CENTRAL MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

**SEMINARY ATTENDING:** REDEMPTORIS MATER ARCHDIOCESAN  
MISSIONARY SEMINARY

**CLASS YEAR:** THIRD THEOLOGY

**What are some of the factors that led to your decision to enter the seminary and discern the question of a vocation to the priesthood.**

The main factor that led me to enter the seminary and to discern the question of a vocation was that I was not satisfied with what the world was offering me. I felt that God was calling me to something better, to have a closer relationship with him. I began to question if God was calling me not to live for myself, but to serve his Church. So I entered the seminary because I wanted to be open to God's will. Whatever His will is for me is, I believe, what will make me truly happy.

**Who are some of the people who influenced your decision to enter the seminary? What is it about them that assisted you?**

The people that influenced me to enter the seminary were my catechists from the Neocatechumenal Way and two priests. I saw that these two priests lived a life of service to God and they were happy. Due to the influence of these priests I was able to see that I needed to serve others. This realization led me to enter the seminary to discern further if God was calling me to do the same with my life. I also saw how God had been present in the lives of my catechists and many other people, and that motivated me to find God's will in my life.

**What would you say is the role of prayer in the life of a seminarian and what effect does it have on one's ability to see God's call?**

Prayer in the seminary is really important. Prayer is crucial because it enables me to be in communion with God. A very important part of being able to discern God's will is to establish a personal relationship with God. This relationship can only be formed through prayer. The seminary is a very good environment to enable God to come into our lives through prayer.

**What advice would you give to a man who thinking about his vocation and is considering that God may be calling him to be a priest?**

As John Paul II would say, "Do not be afraid." This is something that I would tell anybody who is considering the priesthood because at first it seems like something unconventional and difficult, but the reality is that God might be calling you to something greater than what you expect. I would also advise to be open about it with priests, at the parish. They often provide a lot of help in the discernment process. It is important to find a spiritual director, someone that you can speak to regarding questions about the vocation. Visiting the seminary and speaking to other seminarians is also helpful. I would also advise to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament. This was something that really helped me develop courage to be open to God's will regardless of the allurements of the world.

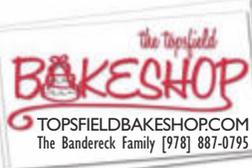
**What do you think is the greatest challenge facing a man who is considering the seminary?**

One of the greatest challenges for a man entering the seminary is the notion that he will do it with from his own strength, but the reality is that God provides the grace to do His will, especially in the seminary. The secularized world that we live in today can be very enticing; that could lead a prospective seminarian to think that he will not find happiness at the seminary, but the truth is that the spiritual gifts that God has in store in the seminary are far greater, and more valuable than any other worldly experience.

**What do you think is the best way to encourage vocations to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Boston?**

The best way to encourage vocations to the priesthood in Boston is by having priests and lay people who live their vocation to the fullest. We need people that are witnesses of Christ and who show that God is active in our lives.

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